

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for the Procedures and Criteria for Approval or Disapproval of State Program Submissions at 30 CFR Part 732 described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by August 17, 1998, in order to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information contained in the Procedures and Criteria for Approval or Disapproval of State Program Submissions at 30 CFR Part 732. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is listed in 30 CFR Part 732, which is 1029-0024.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting

comments on these collections of information was published on April 27, 1998 (63 FR 20649). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: Procedures and Criteria for Approval or Disapproval of State Program Submissions, 30 CFR Part 732.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0024.

Summary: Part 732 establishes the procedures and criteria for approval and disapproval of State program submissions. The information submitted is used to evaluate whether State regulatory authorities are meeting the provisions of their approved programs.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion and annually.

Description of Respondents: 24 State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 65.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,965.

Send comments on the need for the collections of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and ways to minimize the information collection burdens on respondents, such as use of automated means of collections of the information, to the following addresses. Please refer to the appropriate OMB control number in all correspondence.

ADDRESSES: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

Dated: July 14, 1998.

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Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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action was filed on July 25, 1997 under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, to recover response costs incurred or to be incurred by the United States associated with Findett/Hayford Bridge Road Site in St. Charles, Missouri.

Under the terms of the proposed Decree, General Motors, Mallinckrodt Chemical, and Monsanto will pay a total of \$1,712,076 to the Superfund, exclusively for past United States response costs. The first Partial Consent Decree pending before the Court provides for the payment of an additional \$455,000. The United States' outstanding past costs were estimated at approximately \$3.2 million as of March 31, 1998.

The Second Partial Consent Decree may be examined by the Office of the United States Attorney, U.S. Court & Custom House, 1114 Market Street, Room 401, St. Louis, MO 63101; the Region VII Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.25 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Partial Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Findett Corporation, et al.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-417A.

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Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree

Notice is hereby given that on July 6, 1998, a proposed Second Partial Consent Decree in *United States v. Findett Corporation, et al.* No. 4:97CV01557CDP (E.D. Mo.) was filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on July 6, 1998, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. W.R. Grace & Co.—Conn.*, Civil Action No. 97-CV-12583-NG, was lodged with the United States